Founded 1884

Entered League 1908

Premiers, V.F.A.
1902 1905

Runners-up
1901 1903
1904

Premiers, V.F.L.
1920 1921
1932 1934
1943

Runners-up
1919 1924
1927 1928
1929 1931
1933 1940
1942 1944

Richmond Football Club

Sixtieth Annual Report and Balance Sheet

Season 1944

To be presented at Annual Meeting at the Richmond Town Hall on Wednesday, 14th February, 1945, at 8 p.m.

H. J. DYKE, President.
J. M. FLEMING, Hon. Secretary.

CLUB OFFICIALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE ADMISSION TO LEAGUE.

Year					Captain	Highest Goal Kicker	For	Against	Position
1908	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Captain			Gls. Bhds.	Gls. Bhds.	
	G. H. Bennett, M.L.A.	A. Manzie	A. McNair	C. Pannam	W. Bourke (24)		128 172	178 207	Ninth
				R. Condon					
1909	F. G. Tudor, M.H.R.	"	"	J. Lawson	W. Bourke (204)		112	179	Eighth
1910		"	"	W. Schmidt	M. Maguire (90)		127 175	121 186	Seventh
1911		"	"	L. Inckpen	M. Maguire (49)		122 190	138 193	Eighth
1912		"	G. P. Beachcroft	E. Obbes	F. Keegan (84)		115 173	184 229	Ninth
1913		"	W. H. Lobse	H. James	F. Martyn (82)		143 176	150 190	Seventh
1914		"	"	"	C. Hall (32)		148 226	148 219	Eighth
1915		"	"	"	C. Hall (25)		120 150	138 216	Sixth
1916		"	"	W. Thomas	P. Martyn (22)		120 139	131 170	Fourth
1917		"	W. A. Maybury	P. H. Mayb'ry	C. Fehling (14)		104 138	127 192	Sixth
1918		"	"	C. H. Hall	D. Don (10)		96 176	127 195	Sixth
1919	A. Wood	"	"	D. T. Minogue	D. Don (31)		172 251	148 210	Runners-up
1920	"	"	"	"	G. Bayliss (63)		202 228	143 164	Premiers
1921	"	"	A. Aarons	"	G. Bayliss (52)		185 232	149 226	Premiers
1922	"	"	"	"	G. Hayden (35)		146 168	154 204	Fifth
1923	"	"	"	"	D. Fraser (18)		121 180	156 208	Eighth
1924	J. H. Archer	Perc. Page	"	J. D. Langdon	M. Morris (44)		172 209	169 223	Runners-up
1925	"	"	"	"	M. Morris (25)		132 180	158 183	Seventh
1926	"	"	"	M. Morris	D. Leitch (31)		186 261	214 211	Seventh
1927	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Bargwell (37)		218 270	104 219	Runners-up
1928	"	"	"	"	D. Leitch (61)		253 309	195 218	Runners-up
1929	"	"	"	C. Lilburne	J. Bargwell (61)		277 311	235 230	Runners-up
1930	"	"	"	A. Geddes	J. Titus (54)		314 257	175 207	Fourth
1931	"	"	"	M. Hunter	J. Titus (50)		247 292	174 244	Runners-up
1932	B. V. Herbert	J. J. Smith	"	P. Rentier	D. Strang (68)		242 290	174 244	Premiers
1933	"	"	"	"	D. Strang (49)		281 249	206 241	Runners-up
1934	"	"	"	"	D. Strang (61)		306 284	206 235	Premiers
1935	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (80)		353 345	215 247	Third
1936	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (83)		339 339	226 200	Fifth
1937	"	"	G. B. Smith	"	J. Titus (83)		344 253	225 207	Fourth
1938	H. L. Roberts	"	C. E. Turner	"	J. Titus (65)		253 329	219 240	Sixth
1939	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (72)		353 316	220 221	Runners-up
1940	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (48)		345 252	188 269	Fourth
1941	B. V. Herbert	M. E. Sheahan	"	J. Dyer	J. Titus (100)		385 265	227 242	Runners-up
1942	"	J. M. Fleming	"	"	J. Titus (87)		278 255	213 232	Premiers
1943	H. J. Dyke	"	"	"	J. Titus (67)		284 274	198 214	Runners-up
1944	"	"	"	"	J. Titus (63)		305 285	236 256	Runners-up
1945	"	"	"	"	R. Harris (63)		344 303	1602 7012	
					To date				

OFFICE-BEARERS, 1944

President: H. J. DYKE, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:
M. J. Bolger, Esq., R. H. Dunn, Esq., J. H. Jones, Esq., Hon. P. J. Kennelly, M.L.C., F. E. O'Brien, Esq., Senator J. M. Sheehan.

Committee:
Messrs. J. H. Bond, L. J. Goring, R. Healey, P. C. Langdon, W. A. Quinn, J. Titus.

Players' Representatives on Committee:
Messrs. R. Bawden, J. Dyer and R. Harris.

Richmond Cricket Club's Representative on Committee:
Mr. L. Sinclair. Proxy Delegate: Mr. W. Smith.

Delegate to Richmond Cricket Club:
Mr. J. H. Bond.

Richmond Second Eighteen Representative on Committee:
Mr. J. Joyce

Delegate to Richmond Second Eighteen:
Mr. J. H. Jones

Victorian Football League Representatives:
Messrs. H. J. Dyke and F. E. O'Brien

Chairman of Committees: Mr. F. E. O'Brien

Hon. Solicitor: Mr. F. E. O'Brien

Auditor: W. J. Doig, Esq., Chartered Accountant (Aust.)

Hon. Medical Officer: Dr. P. L. Grogan

Hon. Masseur: Mr. G. Chivers

Playing Coach: Mr. J. Dyer

Timekeeper: Mr. W. Stanbrough. **Assist. Timekeeper:** Mr. L. Gordon

Captain: Mr. J. Dyer. **Vice-Captains:** Messrs. R. Harris, B. Edwards

Training Room Staff:
Messrs. R. Davall (Head Trainer), I. Booth (Asst. Head Trainer), . Evans, N. Healey, F. Hegarty, A. Keyhoe, M. Noble, W. McDonald, G. McHutchinson, M. Wishart

OFFICE-BEARERS (Continued)

Door Steward: Mr. L. Cameron

Boot Studder: Mr. C. Gregson. **Asst. Boot Studder:** Mr. K. Day

Property Steward: Mr. C. Callander

Assistant Property Steward: Mr. P. O'Shannessy

Players' Property Steward: Mr. S. Archer.

Selection Committee:

Messrs. P. J. Kennelly (Chairman), J. Dyer, H. J. Dyke (on 20/6/'44), R. Harris, W. A. Quinn (off 20/6/'44), J. Titus.

Finance Committee:

Messrs. F. E. O'Brien (Chairman), M. J. Bolger, R. H. Dunn, J. M. Fleming, C. E. Turner.

Executive Committee:

Messrs. M. J. Bolger, R. H. Dunn, H. J. Dyke, J. M. Fleming P. J. Kennelly, F. E. O'Brien, C. E. Turner.

Social and Patriotic Committee:

Messrs. H. J. Dyke (Chairman), J. M. Fleming, R. Healey, J. H. Jones, L. J. Goring, J. Titus, C. E. Turner.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. C. E. Turner, 32 Young St., Kew, E.4

Hon. Asst. Secretary: Mr. M. J. Bolger, 74 Railway Rd., Carnegie

Hon. Ticket Secretary: Mr. P. C. Langdon, 49 Ormond Rd., Moonee Ponds

Hon. Social Secretary: Mr. R. Healey.

Honorary Secretary:

Mr. J. M. Fleming, 85 Hoddle St., Richmond, E.1. (Phone: J 2818)

LIFE MEMBERS

The club's Life Membership list is as follows:—J. J. Stewart, 1897; A. McNair, 1905; A. Edmond, 1908; J. H. James, 1915; W. H. Lohse, 1916; B. V. Herbert, P. H. Maybury, 1917; S. W. Reeves, 1919; C. H. Hall, D. Henry, 1920; A. Aarons, T. Delaney, 1921; A. J. Bettles, 1922; F. V. Hughes, 1923; F. Harley, 1924; D. Don, J. Smith, 1926; H. Dyke, E. Taylor, 1927; D. Hayes, 1928; W. H. Gosch, H. L. Roberts, 1929; W. J. T. Higginbotham, J. J. Smith, 1930; P. Page, 1931; W. Baker, B. D. Edmond, 1932; H. Cox, L. Cameron, 1933; P. Bentley, A. Geddes, T. O'Halloran, B. McCormack, 1934; F. E. O'Brien, J. Titus, 1935; J. Murdoch, 1937; M. E. Sheahan, M. Hunter, 1938; M. Bolger, K. O'Neill, 1939; J. Dyer, R. Martin, 1940; A. H. Daws, C. Callander, 1941; J. M. Fleming, C. E. Turner, 1942; R. Harris, J. Symons, 1943; P. C. Langdon, G. Smeaton, 1944.

OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1945

President (unopposed):
Mr. H. J. DYKE

Vice-Presidents (unopposed):
Messrs. J. M. SHEEHAN, M. J. BOLGER, R. H. DUNN, J. H. JONES, P. J. KENNELLY, M.L.C., and F. E. O'BRIEN.

Committee

Messrs. *L. J. GORING, *R. HEALEY, *W. A. QUINN, *T. C. LANGDON, J. TITUS,

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer to be elected.

PLAYERS IN PREMIERSHIP MATCHES, SEASON 1944

		First Played	Matches 1944	Matches Played
×	Bawden, R.	1939	21	91
	Bice, P.	1944	6	6
	Bower, R.	1944	5	5
	Broadstock, J.	1943	8	14
	Burge, F.	1942	6	14
	Cook, F.	1944	17	17
	Cook, K.	1944	12	12
	Curran, K.	1943	11	13
	Deagan, K.	1944	3	3
	Durham, R.	1943	7	24
	Dyer, J.	1931	17	221
	Edwards, B.	1938	19	111
	Harris, R.	1934	19	196
-	Hinson, J.	1942	2	6
	Hughes, F.	1944	3	3
	Jones, L.	1944	3	3
	Kemp, A.	1943	5	21
	Lewis, A.	1944	3	3
	Maguire, L.	1941	21	49
	Merrett, L.	1940	20	82
	Mooney, A.	1943	15	16
	Morris, W.	1942	17	23
	Oppy, M.	1942	21	44
	Perkins, W.	1940	21	64
	Priestley, C.	1938	8	65
	Quinn, R.	1943	7	21
	Randall, B.	1941	17	45
	Scott, J.	1939	16	84
	Smeaton, G.	1935	18	131
	Symons, J.	1934	1	110
	Taylor, L.	1944	7	7
✗	Waldron, B.	1940	19	66
	Wilson, W.	1944	12	12

Thirty-three players, including ten first-year players, participated in premiership games during the 1944 season.

Annual Report of the Committee of Management

To the Members of the Richmond Football Club,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Committee has pleasure in presenting to you the Sixtieth Annual Report and Balance Sheet covering the activities of your club for the 1944 season, with the sincere wish that it will merit your consideration and approval.

Your club experienced a most successful year both on and off the playing field, and although we did not win the V.F.L. Premiership we were runners-up to a fine side in Fitzroy, who thoroughly deserved their first Pennant for 22 years. Throughout the season we had considerable difficulty in fielding a regular side owing to difficulties in securing Service leave for our players, a number of serious injuries to star players, and suspensions at a critical part of season.

Once again a large training list was retained, and this proved a success as a number were transferred during the year in the Services, while practically the whole of the 2nd Eighteen side comprised senior list players gaining experience under capable coaching to fit them for League careers in the future.

After winning the first four games comfortably against Melbourne, North Melbourne, Essendon and Fitzroy, we were defeated by Carlton by 16 points, then played a thrilling draw against the greatly improved Footscray side. Further wins against Geelong, South Melbourne, St. Kilda, Hawthorn, Collingwood and Melbourne left the club at the head of the Premiership List. At this point we had the ill-luck to lose Jack Dyer for four weeks and suffered defeats by North Melbourne by one point, Essendon by four points, and Fitzroy by 50 points. In the latter game, your side finished with 14 fit players owing to a run of injuries in the game. The return of your captain-coach in the next match against Carlton inspired the players to show their best form of the season and win well by 18 points. The last two games of the home and home series against Footscray and Collingwood were won easily and gave your team the double chance in the Finals.

We contested the second semi-final against Fitzroy and lost by 11 points in a hard game, in which we were most unfortunate in losing vice-captain, Dick Harris, with a serious knee injury in the first ten minutes. This injury, in the opinion of your Committee, most definitely jeopardised our chances of winning the Pennant. The suspension of Jack Broadstock in the same game for eight games left the club without his talented services in the remaining games of the Final series. The Final saw the re-organised side win against Essendon by 21 points. This game was a triumph for Jack Dyer, who gave one of the finest exhibitions ever seen in a Final series, scoring nine goals, a club record for Finals, and generally inspiring his team with great high-marking and dashing football. The Grand Final against Fitzroy was won by our great rivals by 15 points after a hard and gruelling game. In this match we again lost a player in the early part of the game in Les. Jones, and had other players off-color in Jack Dyer and Bill Morris.

Fitzroy was the better side and played brilliant defensive football in both Semi and Grand Finals. We take this opportunity of sincerely congratulating them on winning the double—First and Second Eighteen Premierships—in their Diamond Jubilee Year, and pay particular tribute to President (H. L. McLennan), Secretary (Percy Mitchell), Treasurer (Jack Buckley) and Captain-coach (Fred Hughson), grand sportsmen all, for their outstanding work for their club.

Losing Ron Durham (full-back) in the game with Geelong with a knee injury which kept him out of the side for the remainder of the season was a great blow. Members will be gratified to learn Ron has completely recovered and will play in 1945. Other injuries at a critical time were sustained by Ray Bower, Keith Cook, Kevin Curran, Jack Broadstock, Arthur Kemp and Dick Harris and all had a bearing on the ultimate result.

We have every confidence that the Tigers will again be a force in League football in 1945 as many of the younger players of 1944 will show improvement and prove an asset to the side, whilst we look with interest to a number of fine young players making their debut with us from premiership local sides in Richmond Districts and Richmond Recruits. A number of young players have been secured through the Services and from country districts.

The club asks for your continued loyal support for the future. Induce your family and friends to purchase Richmond Membership Tickets and take an active interest in the management of their club and their interest will be amply repaid by the continued success of the Tigers in the years ahead.

MEMBERSHIP

Our Number 1 Member continues to be His Excellency, Sir Winston Dugan, Governor of Victoria, who shows great interest in his club. Many messages of encouragement and goodwill were received from His Excellency throughout the year, the finest of all being telegrams for our success in the Grand Final through Captain P. F. Henry, private secretary. Other good wishes were conveyed from His Excellency by your Vice-President, Senator J. M. Sheehan. Your club wishes continued good health to Their Excellencies to enable them to carry out their numerous duties of State.

The year 1944 proved a success in the sale of Membership Tickets, and Ticket Secretary, Percy Langdon, excelled his previous efforts by increasing the sale of tickets by more than 100% over 1943. In 1943 we disposed of 1,833 adult and 112 scholars' tickets, and we are proud to announce that in 1944 this increased to 3,785 adult and 310 scholars' tickets, a magnificent response to our appeal to our supporters to follow their club as members and not pay each week at the gates. A circular letter was forwarded to every home in Richmond by your Committee carrying a photo of the 1943 Premiership side. That this was a success was proved by the great increase in the sales of tickets by our loyal agents in Richmond. We are most grateful to these ladies and gentlemen for their assistance.

Assisting Mr. Langdon in his work each season are Messrs. A. V. (Bill) Barwood, L. Gordon and N. Aston, whilst a number of other friends of the club help in the early part of the season. Each Committeeman plays his part in this work and also sells his quota of tickets personally. A word of thanks to Mick Fleming for a fine individual effort in ticket selling.

Your club appealed for 3,000 members in 1944, and easily exceeded this number. The Tigers have proved the greatest drawcard in the League for many years, a fact proved by the receipts at the gate supplied by the V.F.L. of the home and home games. It is not too much to ask that the good supporters who follow the games each week and pay at the gates discontinue this practice and purchase membership tickets. With the exception of the 6d. League levy and cost of printing the tickets, the whole of the money received from sale of membership tickets goes to funds of your club. The 3,785 adult members of 1944 saved £1/4/0 each over the year by buying a membership ticket. Costing only 8/6, it admitted to nine home games to the reserve section costing non-members 2/5 a game, nine games away at 11d., and five practice games at 6d.—a total for non-members of £1/12/6.

Supporters! Save money for yourself and assist your club. Buy a membership ticket and give practical support to the Tigers and ensure a successful side for your club for the future.

PRESIDENT

At the Annual Election of 1944, members showed their foresight in electing unopposed for the fifth consecutive occasion Mr. Harry Dyke as President of the club. Under the new Constitution of your club the period of election was for three years, enabling your President to plan ahead for the success of the team.

Under his capable leadership Richmond has made great progress since 1940. In those years the side has not been out of the finals, winning one premiership, three times runners-up, and fourth, and members will agree that with a little luck the tally of premierships would be materially increased. Financially, the club has never been in a sounder position and the prestige of Richmond is a by-word in football circles throughout Australia. This has all been part of a careful planning by your Committee led by Harry Dyke, and with ample publicity of the work of the club through the Press and wireless, the name "Tigers" is probably the best-known of all clubs in sport in Australia.

The trip to Tasmania, mentioned later in this Report, could never have been undertaken but for the organising ability of Mr. Dyke. Early in the season players were promised a pleasant surprise by your President as a reward for their loyalty and ability for their club. This promise was kept to the great pleasure of the players, who were loud in their praises of Harry for his enterprise. Always a believer in social functions for the club as a means of establishing good fellowship and bringing the players, Committee and Staff closer together, Mr. Dyke organised several pleasant Sunday mornings and evening socials, all an outstanding success. The W. (Bill) Cosgrove Memorial Shield and Annual Trophy are given the club to perpetuate the memory of a former player and gallant flier, and at the same time enable the most Improved Junior Player each season to have his name inscribed for all time on the Shield. This is but one example of the generosity of Mr. Dyke, who gives numerous trophies each year to the players, and also induces a large circle of his friends to become donors to the club and prize-givers to the players.

On behalf of the Committee, Players and Training Staff we take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Dyke for his work for the club and wish him continued good health to enable him to carry on his good work for the Tigers in the future.

TREASURER

In Mr. Charlie Turner the club has a most capable and enterprising Treasurer whose every thought is for the welfare of the Tigers. Charlie has now held this important position for the past seven years and has given grand service to your club in that time. Although an Executive of a highly essential firm, Mr. Turner is able to find time to carry on his important duties for Richmond both on the football side and the patriotic and charity work undertaken over the past five years by the club. A prominent official of the Richmond Branch of the Red Cross, he has given that body great help during the war years.

VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE DELEGATES

The important task of representing Richmond at the V.F.L. table was again entrusted to Messrs. H. J. Dyke and F. E. O'Brien. Both gentlemen have played a prominent part in all discussions on policy and the future of our national game, and have given excellent service to your club and to the League in the many years they have attended as your delegates. Mr. Dyke continues as your representative on the V.F.L. Finance and Propaganda Committees, whilst Mr. O'Brien is still a member of the Permit and Umpire, and Adverse Weather Committees. In handling the permits and clearances of the club, Frank renders invaluable service to your Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE

To handle the finances of the club the Committee elected Messrs. Martin Bolger, Ray Dunn (returned from Service with the U.S.A. Army), J. M. Fleming, F. E. O'Brien and C. E. Turner, and this Committee, with the addition of President (Mr. H. J. Dyke) and Vice-President and Chairman of Selectors (Hon. P. J. Kennelly, M.L.C.) also became the Executive Committee of the club. The Finance Committee again gave special attention to all financial matters requiring careful consideration, and with the increased revenue from membership ticket sales, increased gate receipts, etc., had a busy year. The Executive Committee was formed to handle matters of club policy between meetings, and gave expert attention to numerous matters affecting the welfare of the club. We thank all members of the Finance and Executive Committees for the time and effort given their duties.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Your Committee elected Messrs. P. J. Kennelly (Chairman), W. A. Quinn and Jack Titus as Selectors, and these gentlemen, with Jack Dyer (captain), and Dick Harris (vice-captain) carried on the task of selecting your side weekly until midway through the season when Mr. Quinn resigned owing to pressure of private business and was replaced by your President (Mr. Harry Dyke).

Each week the Selectors discuss the prospects of each player, receive the report of the 2nd Eighteen Coach on the play of the senior reserves, and adequately sum up the opposition to be offered by the players of the opposing club. Many young players received their opportunity during the season, and only four players in Bob Bawden, Leo Maguire, Max Oppy and Bill Perkins were able to play the full 21 games. We offer our sincere thanks to the members of the Selection Committee for their work for the club, and for the success of their efforts which took the side to the position of runners-up.

CAPTAIN AND COACH

By his excellent leadership and coaching ability, Jack Dyer again merited the confidence reposed in him by the Committee in electing him to this important position. One has to work alongside Jack to realise the time and effort he gives to his task as Coach. His interest in every player and his careful coaching, particularly of the young lads under his charge, won him the respect of your officials. Jack found time on a number of occasions to bring along several of the promising lads in the district for a run with the Seniors, and has the happy knack of making every new lad feel at home and that he is part of the Tiger make-up. This far-sighted policy is bearing fruit for the club and will provide dividends in the coming season.

In his 14th year with the club, Jack again gave excellent service as a player, topping off a fine season with his great game in the Final. We can assure supporters from Jack that he will still be with the Tigers in 1945 and will join Hughie James, the late Vic. Thorp, Percy Bentley and Jack Titus in being the only players to reach 15 years with the club in its long history. Jack has now played 221 games for Richmond, and this tally will be considerably increased before he is forced by time to put up his football uniform. Even then, it will be the wish of our members and supporters that he will continue his work for the club off the field. He has always been a credit to the yellow and black colours he loves so well. In recognition of his services to the Tigers in 1944, Jack received a presentation from your President on the night of the Grand Final at a Social held in the Club-rooms.

We offer Jack your sincere and grateful thanks for his work in the past, and continued success for the future.

VICE-CAPTAINS

With the retirement of our veteran forward (Jack Titus) your Committee elected Dick Harris to the vacancy of Vice-captain, a position Dick filled with great credit until his injury in the semi-final. Dick proved an able lieutenant to Jack Dyer throughout the season and during the enforced absence of Jack for four weeks, handled the side in a most capable manner.

Bert Edwards, your outstanding wingman, took over the Vice-captaincy in the Final and Grand Final and proved an acquisition to your Captain with advice and co-operation in all moves. Bert has completed seven years as a Tiger, and we trust he will achieve his ambition of playing ten years and securing a Life Membership.

PLAYERS

Richmond has always been fortunate in securing splendid players who become fine clubmen and 1944 proved no exception to this rule. Commencing the season without the services of a number of the 1943 players who had been transferred in the Services or retired, whilst several others received clearances to other clubs, your Committee set about the task of rebuilding the side from splendid material in a number of experienced players and promising recruits. Old players were available in Jack Dyer, Dick Harris, Bob Bawden, Ray Bower, Jack Broadstock, Fred Burge, Kevin Curran, Noel Doherty, Ron Durham, Bert Edwards, Joe Hinson, Frank Hughes, Leo Maguire, Leo Merrett, Arthur Mooney, Bill Morris, Max Oppy, Bill

Perkins, Charlie Priestley, Roy Quinn, Brian Randall, Jack Scott, Sid Searl, Fred Stammers, George Smeaton, Jack Symons, Bernie Waldron, whilst added later in the season were old players in Don Fraser, Arthur Kemp, Andy McCarthy, Alan Lewis and Doug. Williams. New players added to list at start of season were Stewart Cartwright, Keith and Fred Cook, Keith Jenkins, Kevin Kallady, Ray Potter, Laurie Taylor, Jack Turner, Bob Wiggins, Bill Wilson and Bill Winward. The supplementary list was again a long one, and a number won promotion later in the season to the full list, the early supplementary list being: Col. Abraham, Don Benson, Don Cameron, Jim Cartwright, Wilf. Churchill, Ray Davis, Ron Evans, Vic. Fisher, Cam Hayes, Vic. Hill, Mick Maidment, A. McDonald, Jim Oppy, Neil Rimington and Bill Rochford. During the season the following players came home on service leave and made themselves available for selection if required, and a number played for the 2nd Eighteen: Jack Crane, Ray Steele, Ian Hull, Alan McDonald, Phil Nagle, Des. Martin, Kevin Colls, Bob McIlveen, Wally Russell, Keith Brooks, Maurie O'Connell, Laird Smith, Geoff House and Bob Walliker.

New players added during the year to the list were: P. (Bill) Bice, of Adelaide; Kevin Deagan, Kevin Bourke, Doug. D'Oliver, Les Jones and Ted Porter. The loss of Jack Titus, Len Ablett and Gordon Styles, who all retired, was a great one, but as the replacements were so strong the club had a fine year.

A number of the lads named above have moved on with their Service units, but with constant scouting by Committee-men and old players we have secured many fine young players to take their places. We are again confident that your club will play a very prominent part in League football in 1945.

Payments to players were still at the reduced rate agreed on by the League, but permission was given to make Provident payments up to 30/- a week, a policy your club took advantage of and as will be shown later in the Report, the Provident Fund is in a most solvent position. Your Committee feels the time has come for the return to the players of the pre-war payments and sincerely trusts that this will operate in 1945. We take this opportunity of thanking every player who assisted the club during 1944, and trust that we will have most of them with us in the coming season striving for further honours for the Tigers.

COMMITTEE

The members of the club in their wisdom make few changes in the personnel of the Committee at Richmond, and this has much to do for the success of the side. The Committee is able to plan ahead the policy of the club and the welfare of the players and the training staff is not neglected. It would be difficult to find a happier body of men in any sporting club, and much credit for this is due to the Committeemen who do all in their power to bring success to the Tigers on and off the field. To those members on the various Sub-Committees and to the delegates to kindred bodies we offer your sincere thanks. To the players' representatives in Bob Bawden, Jack Dyer and Dick Harris we express appreciation for their co-operation in all matters. To Messrs. Les Sinclair and Bill Smith, of the Richmond Cricket Club, and Mr. Jim Joyce, 2nd Eighteen, our thanks also for their interest in the work of the club.

Your President, Treasurer and Secretary offer all members of the Committee their sincere appreciation for their assistance over the years.

TRAINERS AND STAFF

Your training-room staff has once more given fine service to Richmond, and we take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Bob Davall (Head Trainer), I. Booth (Asst. Head Trainer), J. Evans, N. Healey, A. Keyhoe, M. Noble, W. McDonald, G. McHutchison, F. Hegarty, M. Wishart, and the Head Trainer of the Cubs, Jack Johnson. Mal Wishart had the misfortune to suffer injury at his employment, but has now recovered. We wish him well, and wish to particularly thank George McHutchison for offering his old club his services during the time Mal was off duty.

Our appreciation also to Messrs. Lou Cameron (our veteran Door Steward), W. Stanbrough (Timekeeper), L. Gordon (Asst. Timekeeper), Alex Salvado (Transport Officer), Charlie Callander (Property Steward), Pat O'Shannessy (Asst. Property Steward), Syd Archer (Players' Property Steward), Charlie Gregson (Boot Studder) and his assistant, Ken Day. A word of thanks also to a newcomer in Norman Eyre who should prove an acquisition to the club.

Behind the scenes of every club there is an outstanding worker and at Richmond we have our Charlie Callander. The work of the officers of the Tigers is simplified greatly with the outstanding assistance rendered by Charlie in every manner possible. Nothing seems to be beyond this capable officer and the work of the Social Secretary (Bob Healey) is made considerably easier by his readiness to help at all times. His assistance to the President and Secretary in their duties is most valued, and we express deep appreciation to Charlie for his co-operation in the interests of the club.

Every new player to the rooms is taken in hand by Charlie and advised re his football gear, etc. To our mind there is no one in the football world more popular with the players under his care than Mr. Callander. In times when all gear is couponable, much discretion has to be exercised in the distribution of the uniforms and return of same each week. In these days of war, all gear must remain the property of the club under direction of the Rationing Commission unless coupons have been supplied by the player. This has doubled the work of Charlie and his Assistant, Pat O'Shannessy. We convey to them both your grateful appreciation for their grand work for the club.

HONORARY MEDICAL OFFICER AND MASSEUR

Your thanks are again tendered Dr. P. L. Grogan, Hon. Medical Officer, and Mr. Gordon Chivers, Hon. Masseur, for their great work for the club. In the many years they have been connected with Richmond both gentlemen have rendered every assistance possible to the Committee in caring for the injured players at the club. In a season when we had as many as 17 players unavailable in one week this help to the club was invaluable. Dr. Grogan is a friend of every player on the list and ever ready to help when it is required, whilst your Committee takes this opportunity of expressing heartfelt thanks to Mr. Chivers for the special attention given Bill Morris who injured an ankle four days before the Grand Final, and as the result of the skilled care he was able to play in that game; also for the treatment needed for the knee injury of Dick Harris, more serious than thought at the time it happened. Our appreciation to both gentlemen.

BEST AND FAIREST

For the past two seasons the Selection Committee has adopted a new method of selecting the ten best players for the season. Each week at conclusion of a game each of the three non-playing Selectors' votes for the five best players in the game and points are given each player named from five for the first to one for fifth. The vote is then placed in a sealed envelope and placed in the care of the President. At the end of the season, the seals are broken by the Secretary in the presence of the President, Chairman of Selectors, and Captain-coach and the votes counted. The players at a meeting declared in favour of this system as the best method of determining the season's best players.

The 1944 season vote proved a most interesting contest as Leo Merrett defeated Bert Edwards by one vote for Best and Fairest, 99 votes to 98. Typical of Bert as a sportsman is that he was first to congratulate Leo on his win. Two of the best wingmen to play for your club in its history it was fitting they should fight out season's honours. This is the second occasion that Leo has won Mr. Jack Jones' coveted trophy for best in the club. Recruited in 1940 from Nhill, Leo has now played 82 games for the Tigers and as he is only 24 years old, should give grand service for many years for your club. Leo will also receive a five-year certificate at the Annual Meeting, and will have his name inscribed on the Vic. Thorp Memorial Shield for the second occasion.

J. D. LANGDON CUP

The best and fairest player in the 2nd Eighteen receives a club trophy known in perpetuity as the J. D. Langdon Cup in memory of a grand official of the club in the late Mr. J. D. Langdon, Treasurer for many years. The trophy in 1944 was won by Charlie Priestley with a splendid performance, as he played eight games with the senior club during the season, and yet won the trophy comfortably on the points allotted by the 2nd Eighteen Selectors in the 12 games played with their club. Charlie, a splendid clubman for the Tigers and Cubs, came from Dookie-Yabba in 1938 and has played 65 games for the seniors. This tally of games would have been much higher but for unfortunate injuries sustained whilst playing, injuries which would have ended the career of many players, but which Charlie treated as part of the game, and showing typical courage came back each time to play for his club. Selected in a back pocket in the 1944 final series, he gave excellent service in his seventh year.

ANNUAL TROPHIES

Best and Fairest	Mr. J. H. Jones	Leo Merrett
2nd Best and Fairest	Mr. A. T. Hunt	Bert Edwards
3rd Best and Fairest	Mr. Denzil Don	Bill Morris
Best Backman	Hon. P. J. Kennelly	George Smeaton
Most Reliable	Mr. T. Crisp	Bill Perkins
W. Cosgrove Memorial	Mr. H. J. Dyke	Arthur Mooney
Most Improved	Mr. H. L. Roberts	Leo Maguire
Most Consistent	Mr. R. H. Dunn	Bernie Waldron
Most Unselfish	Senator J. M. Sheehan	Bob Bawden
Most Determined	Mr. C. Robertson	Max Oppy
Special Trophy	Mr. F. E. O'Brien	Dick Harris
Special Trophy	Mr. R. J. Turnbull	Brian Randall
Special Trophy	Mr. R. Healey	Jack Scott
Special Trophy	Mr. J. M. Fleming	Keith Cook

FINAL SERIES TROPHIES

Best in Final Easy, Chair	Mr. Arthur Hunt	Bernie Waldron
Cup	Mr. Claude Woods	George Smeaton
Fireside Chair	Mr. J. Gaughwin	Leo Merrett
Occasional Table	Mrs. A. T. Hunt	Bill Perkins
Occasional Table	Mr. Arthur Hunt	Bert Edwards
Statuettes	Cr. J. Loughnan	Charlie Priestley
Wall Mirror	Mr. W. O'Brien	Bill Morris
Vase	Mr. W. O'Brien	Fred Cook
Cup. Best in Final	Mr. H. Tomison	Jack Dyer
Travelling Bag	Mr. A. Creighton	Max Oppy
Cigarette Box	Mr. Claude Woods	Bill Wilson
Most Improved Junior	Mr. D. Hayes	Arthur Mooney
Special Trophy	Mr. Jack Jones	Fred Burge
Special Trophy	Mr. W. Cohen	Bernie Waldron

TROPHY DONORS

With reduced payments operating for the players, special trophies donated by keen supporters are greatly appreciated by players and training staff, and 1944 was the best experienced for many years by the club. Week after week the same gentlemen approach your officials and hand in trophies to encourage the players to greater effort. The players at their pre-season meeting decided to again pool the prizes and to include injured players in the allocation. The same action was taken with final series' prizes, and as a result players benefitted considerably by the generosity of these gentlemen who are always ready to help your club.

May we pay a special word of thanks to the following sportsmen: Messrs. Arthur Hunt, for his splendid trophies for the homes of the players; Claude Woods, Jack Jones, Joe Gaughwin, Denzil Don, Clarrie Robertson, Harry Dyke, Ray Dunn, Jim Macdermott, Johnnie Smith, Stan Steele, Alex Salvado, Gerry Fagan (Queenstown, Tasmania), Johnnie McMahon (3UZ), and George Caldis, of Benalla. We also convey the sincere thanks of the players to the following gentlemen for their continued support to their pool:—Messrs. Tom Crisp, Jim Loughnan, Bill O'Brien, Hal Tomison, A. Creighton, Doug. Hayes, Clarrie Hall, Wally Cohen, "Son" Keating, Senator Jim Sheehan, Hon. P. J. Kennelly, M.L.C., Chris Dwyer, Les Goring, Bob Healey, Colonel R. J. Wallis, George Provan, John Sherman, Ted Newton, Bennie Welch, Ben Alexander, Dan Guinane, Mr. Lowndes, W. Manderson, Arthur King, E. Salway, Albie Keyhoe, Bob Turnbull, Joe Carroll, Les Sinclair, Bob Knapp, J. Irwin, Bob Davall, C.G., "Soldier," Five Sports (Queenstown, Tasmania), Hec Kimpton, Jack Titus, Maurie Fleming, G. A. Gardiner, Con Curtain (Footscray), George Reynolds, A. R. Bottomer (Queensland), Donald Don, Mr. Munroe, Dr. P. L. Grogan, George Dixon, Tom O'Halloran, Tom Sherrin (Collingwood), trophy and punching bag for club-room; Fred Burge, Snr., Joe Reilly, George Cracknell, Jim Thoms, Hon. John Madden (Tasmania), Hon. T. D'Alton (New Zealand), Mr. Costello, Harry Merrett, Alf Hudson, Vaughan McCarthy, J.H.S., Fred Randall, Percy Langdon, Joe Smith, Lawson Muir, Clyde McLauchlan, Bill Quinn, Mr. Nicholls, Les Beatty, Jack Bond, Bill Dooley (Williamstown), Fred Murray, Fred Armfield and several gentlemen who desire to remain anonymous.

DONORS TO CLUB FUNDS

Once again an appeal was made by letter to local sportsmen and business firms in Richmond in a further effort to increase the donor list to £200, and we are pleased to state that we were successful in raising the total from £110/0/6 in 1943 to £196/19/0 in 1944. In this appeal invaluable aid was rendered by Messrs. Harry Dyke and Ray Dunn who induced many of their friends to become donors.

It is our intention to continue this appeal in future years, and we invite members to urge their friends and business men to become donors to your club. Your present officials have as an objective for donors annually £300, and as the amount has increased from £49 in 1939 to £196 in 1944, and this during the years of war, we believe we can achieve our objective. A list of donors is shown elsewhere in this Report, and we wish to convey our deep and sincere thanks to the ladies and gentlemen mentioned for their continued support to Richmond.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS FOR 1944

The Committee of the club has pleasure in recommending Messrs. Percy Langdon (Ticket Secretary), and George Smeaton, our star utility player, for Life Membership at the Annual Meeting. Percy Langdon has been connected with the ticket-selling activities of the club for more than 30 years, and in recent years when elected to your Committee took over the position of Ticket Secretary. He has made a great success of the position, and particularly during 1944, he made strenuous efforts to increase the membership to what he personally considers the sales should be—5,000 a year. If hard work will achieve this goal, then members may be assured Percy will accomplish his self-appointed task.

George Smeaton is so well known to followers of Richmond that the story of his efforts for the Tigers seems futile. Commencing his career at Richmond in 1935, George has played 131 games in nine years, and he spent one year of his career on active service with the R.A.N. as a naval commando. The Life Membership is not awarded players until completion of ten years' playing service. However, George is receiving his Certificate because of special services to your club, and members will thoroughly agree with the choice of this fine local player. His splendid play in 1944 was the more meritorious when it is realised that he was unable to train with the club for many weeks owing to his naval duties. In his nine years George has played in every position on the field with the possible exception of the wing, and has excelled as a full-back, centre half-forwad and centreman at various times. He has also represented Victoria in interstate games both as a schoolboy and for the Victorian Football League.

We heartily congratulate Percy Langdon and George Smeaton on achieving this honour, and wish them further successes with the Tigers in the years ahead.

FIVE-YEAR PLAYERS

The honour of receiving five-year certificates falls to three splendid players and club men in Leo Merrett, Bill Perkins and Bernie Waldron. All three commenced with the club in 1940, Leo coming from Nhill, Bill from Noble Park and Bernie is a local lad.

We have dealt with the career of Leo Merrett elsewhere, but offer him further congratulations on this added honour in his career.

Bill Perkins, at 24 years of age, is one of the most tenacious half-backs in the League today. He has played in 64 matches with the club and has rarely played a poor game. Endowed with great courage, Bill should play sufficient games with the Tigers to win him Life Membership and a ten-year certificate.

Bernie Waldron, recruited from South Richmond, has proved one of the best local lads to make the Tigers' ranks in the last 20 years. He has also developed into a utility player, playing in the centre, half-forward wing, forward pocket, rover, wingman, but has now found his right place in the side, and in the latter half of 1944 season proved the outstanding half-back flanker in the League. With many years of football left in him at 23 years of age, Bernie will be a champion player for the Tigers in the years ahead.

We sincerely congratulate these three players on your behalf. The certificates will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

RICHMOND CRICKET CLUB

We again have pleasure in thanking the Committee of the Richmond Cricket Club for their co-operation in another difficult year, and pay special tribute to Mr. Jim Macdermott (President), Mr. Percy Maybury (Secretary), Mr. Merv Rankin (Treasurer) and to Messrs. Ernie King, Jim Cook and Harry Lisle for their help at all times during the year. The relations between the two bodies has never been better, and this is largely due to the tolerant attitude of the Cricket Club and the every consideration given the requests of the Football Club.

Mr. Maybury has had his work doubled in the past few years with Melbourne sharing our ground, but this makes little difference to his genial manner as he is ever-ready to co-operate with your officials for the mutual benefit of the clubs. Again we had the pleasure of being entertained by Mr. Jim Kinna and his Social Committee of the Cricket Club, and this was returned prior to Christmas by your Social Secretary (Bob Healey) when both Committees spent a happy and enjoyable evening.

We also thank Mr. Jack House, former Curator, and his successor, Mr. Nick Hosking for their aid to the Tigers in 1944, and look forward to further happy associations with the Cricket Club and staff in 1945.

RICHMOND SECOND EIGHTEEN

With the transfer of Coach (Ray Martin) to the North, Cubs were forced to look round for another playing coach and the choice happily fell upon former champion Tiger and Life Member (Kevin O'Neill), now in the R.A.A.F. Until the time of his transfer to a battle area, Kevin gave the Cubs splendid service. That he is still interested in the welfare of both clubs is proved by his many letters to Tigerland.

The appointment of a successor happily fell upon another former champion back-pocket player in your Assistant Secretary (Martin Bolger), who was induced to emerge from his retirement to become Playing Coach of the Cubs. Despite numerous difficulties, Martin did a splendid job for Richmond, taking particular interest in the younger players sent him by Jack Dyer and the senior officials. At the latter end of the season he sustained a painful finger injury

which curtailed his playing activities, but never once did he lose interest in the welfare of the 2nd Eighteen. His co-operation with the Cubs' Committee did much to cement the good feelings existing with the senior club.

We pay special tribute to Mr. Bob Knapp (President), Mr. Jim Joyce (Secretary), and Mr. Les Watts (Treasurer) for their help to us during the year. When it is realised that the Cubs played 61 players in their 18 games, their lack of success will be readily understood. They were unable to field the same side two weeks running owing to Service leave and duties, the call on them by the senior Selectors to play new lads for try-out, and transfers away in Services. With this tremendous task of handling the new players and the organisation required, we specially thank Jim Joyce, a fine worker for Richmond for many years.

In addition to other set-backs, the Cubs had to use any other ground available for their home games owing to Melbourne sharing our ground, but no complaint was received even though it caused the Committee and Staff great inconvenience. Your Committee sincerely thank all connected with the Cubs for their work for Richmond, and pays further tribute to Mr. Bob Knapp for entertaining the Committees, Players and Staffs of both clubs to several social evenings and pleasant Sunday mornings. Very successful functions which brought all at Richmond closer together.

It was pleasing to see former Secretary (Ted Purchase) in Melbourne on leave from R.A.A.F. service in a battle area. Ted received a great welcome from all.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL IN DISTRICT

Richmond Districts

It was particularly gratifying to your officials to see this fine club successful after so many years in winning the premiership of the Sub-District League. After a splendid game they finally defeated East Brunswick for the honours. Pleasing to the senior side was the fact that the Playing Coach was our former player (Joe Reilly), who received great help from his Executive Officers: Mr. Bill Goulding (President), and Mr. Bill Brown (Secretary). Playing a big part also was Mr. Ben Alexander and Mr. Percy Lancaster. To celebrate their great win the Districts were entertained at a Smoke Social at the Richmond Town Hall by Mr. Alexander, and the Committee also entertained them at a dinner at the Hotel Federal and a Theatre Party at the Tivoli at which representatives of the Senior Club were present by invitation.

Many trophies were handed in at the conclusion of the game by keen supporters, including your Committee-men, and also special trophies from your club. In addition, we assisted in other ways during the year. It was a pleasure to co-operate with Mr. Goulding, Mr. Brown and Joe Reilly to win their well-deserved Pennant. We wish them further successes.

Richmond Recruits

Hearty congratulations to Vin Dyer (Manager and Coach) of the Recruits for his premiership of the Melbourne Boys' League with his under 19 years of age boys of our club. Those of us who were fortunate enough to see the Grand Final played as a curtain-raiser to the V.F.L. Grand Final must have been struck by the number of promising young players being coached along by Vin to take their

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB—BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1944

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
Loan from Trip Fund		£55 0 0	E.S.&A. Bank Limited		£177 12 3
Players' Premiership Medals		52 10 0	Commonwealth Loan		1,400 0 0
Creditor		6 6 0	Furniture, Fittings etc.	£109 7 0	
Accumulation Account, 31st December, 1943	£1,906 2 2		Less Depreciation	10 18 0	
Plus—Surplus Season 1944	42 3 1				98 9 0
		1,948 5 3	V.F.L. Club Trust Acount		386 0 0
		£2,062 1 3			£2,062 1 3

H. J. DYKE, President. C. C. TURNER, Hon. Treasurer. J. M. FLEMING, Hon. Secretary.

The President and Members, Richmond Football Club,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have to report that I have examined the Accounts and Transactions of your club for the year ended 31st December, 1944.

I have been advised that the club did not at the 31st December, 1944, have any liabilities other than those shown in the above Balance Sheet.

I have pleasure in advising that in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and correctly sets forth the true position of the Richmond Football Club at the 31st December, 1944, according to the information and explanations afforded me and as shown by the books of the club.

W. J. DOIG, Auditor,
Chartered Accountant (Aust.).

TRIP AND ENTERTAINMENT FUND BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1944

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	£57 16 3	Amount owing from General Funds	£55 0 0
		Balance State Savings Bank	2 16 3
	£57 16 3		£57 16 3

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND, SEASON 1944

RECEIPTS			DISBURSEMENTS		
Balance State Savings Bank		£478 11 3	Payments to Players:—		
Interest:—			L. Ablett	£25 0 0	
Fixed Deposit, £400	£7 13 10		G. Smeaton	23 17 11	
State Savings Bank	6 0 0		J. Symons	15 15 6	
		13 13 10	P. J. Bice	9 0 0	
Proceeds Fixed Deposit		400 0 0	J. Crane	5 0 0	
Grant R.F.C., Season 1944		561 0 0	D. Guinane	4 6 3	
					£82 19 8
			Invested in 3rd Victory Loan		500 0 0
			Balance State Savings Bank		870 5 5
		£1,453 5 1			£1,453 5 1

PROVIDENT FUND AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1944

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Excess of Assets over Liabilities available to meet amounts credited to participants	£1,370 5 5	Commonwealth 3rd Victory Loan Bonds	£500 0 0
		Balance State Savings Bank	870 5 5
	£1,370 5 5		£1,370 5 5

DIGEST OF SALES OF 1944 MEMBERS' TICKETS

Sales—Adults	3,785	As issued by Printer:—	
Unsold—Adults	295	Adults	4,500
Life Members, Donors, Etc.	419	Scholars	370
Ticket sent to firm (not returned)	1		
Sales—Scholars	310		
Unsold—Scholars	10		
Complimentary tickets sent to local schools	50		
	4,870		4,870

Richmond Football Club—Income and Expenditure Account, 1944

EXPENDITURE

Team Maintenance:—			
Players' Allowances, Sustenance, Loss of time, etc.	£1,221 0 9		
Coach and Training Staff Wages	476 10 0		
Richmond Football Club 2nd XVIII	155 10 1		
Materials, Training Requisites	310 15 2		
Medical Expenses, Masseur's Fee	112 10 5		
Players' Insurance	116 19 2		
Entertaining Players, Officials, etc.	305 17 11		
Travelling Expenses, Cartage	316 1 7		
Laundry	24 18 10		
Refreshments	185 19 3		
Delegates' Fees	2 2 0		
Players' Provident Fund	561 0 0		
Players' Club Entrance Fee	11 0 0		
		£3,800 5 2	
Administration Expenses:—			
Annual Meeting Expenses	18 2 0		
Printing and Advertising	184 8 6		
Telephone and Telegrams	43 0 8		
Stationery and Stamps	47 19 6		
Insurance, Fire, Fidelity, etc.	11 14 4		
Wreaths	7 14 0		
Bank Charges	2 13 10		
Secretarial Allowance and Expenses	150 0 0		
Audit Fee	6 6 0		
Repairs and Replacements	70 19 5		
Presentations and Donations	19 18 6		
Junior Football Clubs' Expenses	108 8 8		
Photographs	17 9 0		
		688 14 5	
Honorarias		110 0 0	
Tasmanian Trip		673 5 11	
Cleaning, Training and Committee Rooms		6 17 6	
Commission on Sale of Tickets		10 9 6	
Income Tax	3 16 0		
Payroll Tax	23 13 11		
		27 9 11	
Admission to Final Games		34 3 3	
Reserve Attendants for Finals		9 0 0	
Depreciation—Furniture and Fittings		10 18 0	
Balance to Accumulation Account		42 3 1	
		£5,413 11 9	

RECEIPTS

Membership:—			
Sale of Tickets: 3,785 Adult Tickets, 8/6	£1608 12 6		
310 Scholars Tickets at 5/-	77 10 0		
		£1,686 2 6	
Richmond Cricket Club Membership:—			
Payments as per Agreement		210 13 0	
		1,896 15 6	
Less Levy paid to V.F.L.		102 11 6	
			£1,794 4 0
Donations			196 19 0
Gate Receipts:—			
Matches, Home Ground		1,227 17 10	
Matches, Other Grounds		1,456 7 11	
		2,684 5 9	
Practice Matches		22 19 4	
			2,707 5 1
Share of Second Round Proceeds:—			
Finals		600 0 0	
Training Allowance		414 0 0	
		1,014 0 0	
Less Levies		367 1 4	
			646 18 8
Broadcasting Fee			25 0 0
Interest Received:—			
Loan to Richmond Cricket Club		12 0 0	
State Savings Bank		1 4 9	
Treasury Bonds		30 0 3	
			43 5 0
			£5,413 11 9

places in the Seniors and Cubs. Included in the Recruits' side are eight or nine future League players whose careers will be watched with interest by your officials. A Premiership Social was arranged by Mr. Dyer at the Club-rooms, and, assisted by Messrs. Bob Healey, Charlie Callander and Joe Fleming, provided a grand night's entertainment to the lads and their friends. The annual trophies were presented, and every member of the premiership side received a special trophy. The R.F.C. Trophy, for the best and fairest player, was won by Eric Malone, who, although not a local and sought by other League sides, was signed early in the season along with several other lads, on the advice of Vin and Jack Dyer.

Richmond Imperials

The Imperials had ill-luck throughout the year following on their premiership of 1943, and ultimately did not take part in the final series. Mr. Dolph Eddy and Mr. Vic. Hill continue to give every assistance to the Tigers by watching the interests of the lads in the Imps., and promise that they have several lads who will win their way into senior ranks in 1945. We wish them better luck next season in whatever sphere of football the club decides to play.

Other Junior Clubs

A number of other junior clubs are now functioning in the district, particularly in the C.Y.M.S. and C.B.L. competitions, although several other Church sides also played in 1944. North Kew, in the Melbourne Boys' League, under former Recruit player (Mick Irving) performed well, and Mick promises several boys to the Tigers next season. It will be good news to local lads also that the Eastern Suburban League will form in 1945, and that Burnley F.C., under Arthur Daws (President), and Les Watts (Secretary) will field a side, whilst other teams in the further areas of our district will be forming again. The ambition of the senior Committee is to form a Local Junior Competition, but unfortunately with lack of grounds, gear and footballs, this has been impossible, but will be undertaken in the first year of peace. We congratulate all the junior sides on their progress in 1944, and wish them further successes in 1945.

MELBOURNE FOOTBALL CLUB SHARE GROUND

Again we had the pleasure of sharing our ground with the Melbourne Football Club, as the M.C.G. is still being used by the Services. It has been a pleasure to be able to co-operate with good sportsmen in Mr. Joe Blair (President), Mr. Jack Chessell (Hon. Secretary), and Percy Beames (Captain and Coach) in the years they have shared our ground. It was gratifying to your Committee to also see the completion of the work undertaken by the Melbourne Club to endow a Ward in the Children's Hospital to the memory of that great flier and sportsman, the late Squadron-Leader Keith (Bluey) Truscott. Members of your Committee attended this dedication, and were greatly impressed by the ceremony. Congratulations to Mr. Blair and his Committee for this public-spirited action. We assure them that we will be pleased to have them with us at our ground as long as the need is there.

PLAYERS' PROVIDENT FUND

With the permission of the V.F.L. a sum of 30/- per player per match on the basis of four or more premiership games in 1944 was placed in the Players' Provident Fund to the credit of the players. As the number of games played by the club was 21 this involved the transfer of £561 from the General Fund to the Provident Fund, but members can be assured that it was a pleasure to your Committee to be able to recognise the sterling services of your players in this practical manner. The Balance Sheet for the Fund is shown in this Report and members are invited to read same and see the fine financial standing of this account entirely to the credit of the players.

CONDOLENCES

It is with extreme regret that we announce the death of your Committeeman, Mr. Jack Bond. The late Mr. Bond was associated with the work of your club for many years and was ever-ready to assist it in every way, whether it was for players in country districts requiring interview or management of the club. Jack represented the club on the Richmond Cricket Club Committee with great credit and numbered many of the members of that body as close personal friends. Members of both Committees attended the funeral at Spring Vale, and numerous floral tributes were received. We offer our most sincere condolences to his sorrowing widow, and assure Mrs. Bond that she has our deep sympathy.

During the year we saw the passing of former player, Angus McIsaac, in a fatal accident. Your condolences were forwarded to Mrs. McIsaac and her family.

Player, Joe Hinson, lost his infant son. Harry Dyke lost a loved sister. Player, Jack Crane, lost his father who was well known to all at the club. Whilst Australian Rules Football lost two stalwarts in the late Frank Killingsworth, Treasurer of the South Melbourne Club for many years, and the late J. J. Liston, President of the Victorian Football Association, both well known figures in our National Game. The Cubs lost a fine worker in Vice-President, Mick Carroll, who died during the year. We offer to the relatives of all mentioned above, and to our other members and friends who have suffered bereavement in the past year, your deep and sincere sympathy.

PLAYERS IN SERVICES

Each year sees the number of your players serving in the Armed Forces of our country increasing, but fortunately we have not sustained any further casualties to our boys, although Flight Sergeant Dick Power is posted missing in operations over Berlin. We have endeavored to compile a list of the players of our club serving their country and this is shown below. It is possible that we have unfortunately missed some of the gallant lads away, particularly those who played in 1939. We invite members to supply to the Secretary particulars of any player, committeeman, or training staff not shown here and known to be serving.

Sincere congratulations to Flt.-Lieut. Ray Alexander, former outstanding young player recruited from Castlemaine, and to his parents, on his winning the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallantry

in aerial combat near Great Britain. The citation stated the award was for conspicuous gallantry which resulted in the sinking of a U-Boat. A former team mate of Ray Bower and Fred Burge, Ray was one of our most promising players three years ago, but enlisted in the R.A.A.F. at the age of 18 and quickly won his wings and promotion. He has been captain of a Sunderland Flying Boat for some time, having 1,000 operational hours in just over twelve months.

Regular letters are sent out to all players in the Armed Services and other branches of our National War Effort, and we do our utmost to keep the lads supplied with particulars of the doings of their old club. Many have returned for short periods of leave and received warm welcomes by the present-day Tigers. It will be a happy day when this war is over and won, and these lads returned to their loved ones and to the Tigers. Members will be pleased to know that Mr. Ray Dunn (Vice-President) has been discharged from the U.S.A. Services where he served with great honour to our nation. Unfortunately Ray suffers with frequent bouts of malaria and other tropical sickness. We all join in wishing him better health for the future, and assure him of our pleasure in seeing him restored to his wife and family, and to his former associations at Richmond Football Club for which he has done so much in past seasons.

ARMY

Bice, P. J.
Bolitho, L.
Bourke, K.
Brock, P. M.
Brooks, K.
Cameron, D.
Cartwright, S.
Cockburn, W.
Colls, K.
Conway, D.
Cotter, J.
Crane, J.
Currie, J.
Dickson, N.
Foster, L.
Fraser, D.
Fyfe, W.
Giles, L. G.
Greene, G.
Harrower, D.
Hay, R.
Hinson, J.
House, G.
Hull, I.
Jennings, O. (Killed in action)
Judkins, S.
Kemp, A.
Martin, D.
Milgate, C.
McCarthy, A.
McDonald, A.
McIlveen, R.
McNally, R.
Nagle, P.
O'Connell, M.
Patton, M.
Porter, E.
Quinn, J.
Smith, Laird
Stamford, F. (Killed in action)
Steele, R.
Styles, G.
Taylor, L.
Walliker, R.
White, W.

NAVY

Bayliss, A.
Carbon, H.
Doherty, N.
Howard, F.
Lewis, A.
Maskiell, W.
Nutter, A.
Smeaton, G.
Williams, D.

AIR FORCE

Alexander, R. (D.F.C.)
Anderson, L.
Ashby, J.
Baggott, J.
Bourke, F. M.
Cahill, L.
Cook, F.
Cook, K.
Cook, C.
Cosgrove, W. (Killed in action)
Cottrill, V.
Davey, P.
Deagan, K.
D'Oliver, D.
Dowling, J. D.
Hawley, W.
Hill, J.
Hughes, F.
Hunt, R.
Leyden, J.
Morris, J. W.
O'Bryan, P.
O'Neill, K.
Power, R. J.
Purchase, E. J.
Randall, B.
Rimington, N.
Russell, W.
Sullivan, J.
Watson, C.
Weston, J.
Wiggins, R.
Youlden, H.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Committees, Players and Training Staffs of the Fitzroy Football Club (1st and 2nd eighteens) on their dual premierships, and on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of their club, a mainstay of Australian Rules football for so many years.

To our old friendly rivals in Essendon and Footscray for again making the Final Four and for their great form throughout season.

To the Committee, Players, Coach and Staff of Richmond District Football Club, and to Mr. Vin Dyer, Manager-Coach of Richmond Recruits and his lads on their bringing premierships to Richmond in 1944.

To our Vice-captain (Dick Harris) on his remarkable performances in kicking 63 goals in seasons 1942-43-44, and playing 196 games with the club.

To Jack Symons, Life Member of your club, for playing in the 1944 premiership side (Fitzroy) and with the Tigers in same season.

To Percy Langdon and George Smeaton for their Life Memberships, and players Leo Merrett, Bill Perkins and Bernie Waldron on gaining Five-year Certificates.

To Bert Edwards on passing his 100th game, and Bill Perkins and Bernie Waldron who passed their 50th game with the Tigers.

To Flying Officer Ray Alexander for winning the D.F.C. for heroism on active service with the R.A.A.F. overseas.

To Fred Fanning for heading the V.F.L. goal-kicking list in 1944, and to his team-mate, Norman Smith, who won the "Herald" trophy for best and fairest player by vote of their football writers.

To Ernie McCormick on his election as a Life Member of Richmond Cricket Club, an honour well deserved and most popular in Richmond.

To Captain-coach Jack Dyer for excellent work for the club during the season, and on reaching 221 games—fourth highest in the history of the club—and only surpassed by Jack Titus (294), Percy Bentley (263) and the late Vic. Thorp (261); the only other player to pass 200 games being Kevin O'Neill (208).

To Colin Abraham, Kevin Curran, Noel Doherty, Leo Merrett, Pat O'Shannessy and Fred White on the occasion of their marriages. Good luck in large quantities to all the happy couples.

To Charlie and Mrs. Gregson, Harry and Mrs. Hewett, Arthur and Mrs. Kemp, Ray and Mrs. Martin, Brian and Mrs. Randall, and Jack and Mrs. Ledward (R.C.C.), who received a visit from our pal, the Stork, during 1944. Good health and happiness to all.

To Eric McCutcheon, Assistant Secretary of the Victorian Football League, who resumed his duties following his discharge from the Services.

APPRECIATION

To Mr. L. H. McBrien, M.L.C., and his capable staff at the Victorian Football League office for their continued assistance and courtesy to your Secretary throughout his term of office.

Mr. George Provan again gave to every player a trophy for their part in winning a place once more in the Final Four and is deserving of your warmest thanks. Mr. Provan made available several trophies to send to players serving in the Armed Forces.

To Martin Bolger, your capable Assistant Secretary, for his work for the club over a long period of years, and for his readiness to help the Cubs during a trying period of the season.

Mr. Frank O'Brien was again elected as Chairman of Committees and as Legal Adviser to the club and gave his usual excellent service during 1944. We thank Frank sincerely for his assistance.

It is very doubtful if the Tigers have ever had a harder-working Vice-President than the Hon. P. J. Kennelly, M.L.C. Nothing is a trouble to this capable officer, and his work as Chairman of Selectors, and in searching for new players, is a by-word at the rooms. In the matter of arranging for leave for Service players, he has been invaluable, and in this task he has received excellent support from Senator Jim Sheehan. Many new faces will appear at early training as the result of the work of Pat, and they should prove an acquisition to your club.

Once again, Messrs. Matt Grealy, Bert Shard, M.H.R., and Jack Ryan, of Adelaide, have been of great help to your club, and we thank them sincerely for their continued efforts.

During the hot spell of the final series, Mr. Bill Higginbotham, Life Member and former Committeeman, with his assistant, Joe Fleming, gave expert attention to players and won their thanks.

Our friends at Prince Henry's Hospital in Dr. Russell Sherwin, Dr. Bate, Acting Superintendent; and Colonel R. J. Wallis continue to help your club and have been forwarded your sincere appreciation.

Our special thanks to Hon. John Cain, M.L.A., for his many kindnesses to the officials of your club during the past year.

Your former champion forward, Jack Titus, who kept himself in condition during the season in case wanted by his club, also assisted your Coach at training on Tuesdays and Thursdays by paying attention to some of the younger players and rectifying faults in kicking, marking, etc. We tender Jack our sincere appreciation.

Once more Mr. Ernie Saunders greatly assisted your club over the year, and we tender him our thanks for his help to players.

To Mr. Eric Siggins, Managing Director of C. H. Creaser Ltd., East Brunswick, for again assisting in advertising matters.

Mr. W. A. (Bill) Mintern, former Vice-President, who continues to help the club in matters relating to employment and in other practical ways, receives our thanks.

If ever a body of men deserve the thanks of a sporting club, it is the press-men of the Melbourne papers. With the continued restrictions on space, it has become most difficult to have sporting items recorded to keep our game alive, but with the co-operation of these gentlemen of the Press your club continues to receive its share of the publicity given sport. We specially thank Messrs. Percy Taylor and Wally Willmott (Argus), Percy Millard and Kevin Hogan (Herald), Brian Feely, Gerald and Kevin Brosnan (Sun), Charlie Merrick and Mr. H. Kirwen (Age), Fred Laby, "Doc" Hales and Hec DeLacy (Sporting Globe), but our appreciation to the other men behind the scenes who do so much for our National Game in the Press and Wireless world of Melbourne, mentioning also Messrs. Johnnie McMahon, John Dexter, Norman Banks, Fred Tupper, Mel and Les Morris, Harold Jenkinson and Eric Welch. A special word of praise to Mr. H. L. Roberts (Richmond Chronicle) for creating local interest in our team.

To Mr. G. S. Moore, Mr. E. Fyander and Mr. Fred Chatto, of Foy and Gibson, and Mr. Tom Crisp, of Patersons Pty. Ltd., for help with furnishings.

The late Jack Bond, Delegate to R.C.C., and Mr. Jack Jones, Delegate to the 2nd Eighteen, again adequately represented your views on those bodies.

To Les Goring for his work in scouting for players, and for making his car available at all times for the work of the club, and also to Mr. Bill Quinn for his continued outstanding service to Richmond and his ready co-operation in all matters with your officials.

To our old pall Clarrie Robertson for his social morning for all connected with the First and Second Eighteens. A wonderful success as are all functions arranged by this capable organiser. To the Training Staff of our club who also provided excellent entertainment for the Committee and players on several occasions in 1944. The enterprise of the Training Staff in forming a Training Staff Social Club is to be commended and should prove successful.

To Alex Salvado who handles the matter of transporting our gear to other grounds, and, with Bob Ellis, works splendidly in conjunction with Charlie Callander in this important work.

To Mr. George Provan for again assisting the club with his novel method of disposing of membership tickets each year, proving a great help to your officials.

To Johnnie McMahon, Joe Fleming and Bob Healey for their capable organising of the entertainment side of the various socials held at the ground.

To Mr. Stan Steele, Mr. Arthur Hunt and Mr. Chris Dwyer for many gestures of good fellowship to the players and staff throughout 1944.

To the Officers of the Armed Services who assisted throughout the year in arranging leave for players.

GENERAL

It will be of interest to members and supporters of your club to know that the Prince Henry's Hospital Sportsmen's Ward Committee has been re-formed to assist with the completion of the Hospital. Many of your officials, players and trainers are actively engaged in the work of this Committee. In the three months October to December, 1944, the sum of over £1,000 was raised, and in this your officials played a big part.

Football covers and scholars' membership tickets were again sent to the local schools to keep the children interested in our game and in this club. Appreciation was expressed by the Masters for this thought for the boys and girls at the schools.

The Victorian Football League Trainers' Social Club still meets at our Committee-rooms whilst the war continues, and your officers are pleased to be able to assist this grand body of men who do much for our game and players.

Permission was sought and obtained by your Committee from the Rationing Commission to enable us to collect coupons from club members, players and Committee-men to enable us to purchase the necessary gear for our players. This entailed much work but the appeal was well worth it, while as the number sought was obtained and the players received new uniforms, although these remain the property of the club during the war. We sincerely thank those good folk who came to the assistance of your club and made the appeal such a success. Letters of appreciation were forwarded all donors of coupons, and also appreciation was forwarded to the Deputy-Director of Rationing for his co-operation.

Although he is a Vice-President of the Collingwood Club, Mr. Tom Sherrin rarely misses an opportunity of assisting Richmond.

To assist players to keep fit, Tom donated a fine punching bag and gloves for installation in the training-rooms. We thank Mr. Sherrin most sincerely for his kindly gesture.

Your Committee is proud to have as a member, Lieutenant Tom Derrick, V.C., D.C.M., who was most interested in club activities in 1944 and saw a number of games whilst on leave.

The 305 goals 285 behinds, 2,115 points scored by the Tigers in 1944 season is a club record, the previous highest being 285 goals 252 behinds, 1,962 points in 1940 in which season Jack Titus scored his 100 goals.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

With the 1944 season marking the sixth football season in war-time social activities were naturally more welcome to players than in peace-time—providing relaxation to all from the strain of Service or essential duties. Your club owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Bob Healey, Social Secretary, and his co-workers who included Mrs. Healey, for the many and varied functions held at the club rooms and elsewhere.

As in previous years a number of social cricket games was played and opportunity was taken to make a picnic for the wives and children at these popular outings. Bro. Rahill, of St. Kevin's College, made the college oval available on several occasions and we are grateful to him for his assistance. Picnics were also held at Seaford and were most enjoyable.

Midway through the season a Theatre Party was held at the Tivoli for the Committee, Players and Training Staff and their ladies —184 accepting our invitation.

Through Mr. Bob Knapp, President of the 2nd Eighteen; Mr. Clarrie Robertson, your very keen supporter and mine host of the Duke of Wellington Hotel; the Richmond Training Staff Social Club, and our own President (Mr. Harry Dyke), six pleasant Sunday mornings and three evening socials were held at the training rooms and were a great success. Opportunity was taken to invite several returned prisoners of war and also representatives of other clubs and sporting bodies, and all had pleasure in accepting the hospitality of the good friends mentioned above. At one evening function, moving pictures were shown of football matches in which the Tigers had taken part in past seasons, and also travel pictures of our own Australian scenery.

On the evening of the Grand Final over 230 from the Club were entertained with a number of special guests who do much for the Tigers at a social evening at the ground. As with all other shows at our rooms this was catered for by Messrs. Bob Healey, Harry Dyke and Charlie Callander, and a three-course meal provided. The players showed that they could take their defeat in a sporting manner by giving three cheers for the 1944 premiers, Fitzroy. We had the pleasure of being entertained by Messrs. Arthur Prince and Johnnie McMahon, and again this section of the evening was in the capable hands of Joe Fleming. The entertainment lasted till the early hours of the morning, and was continued on the Sunday.

Win or lose, the Tigers can enjoy themselves and take their losses in the same spirit as they take their successes. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Chivers again entertained the wives and girl friends of the Committee, Players and Training Staff on this night at their home, and we are very grateful to these good sports. Popular Con Curtain, President of Footscray Football Club, and other representatives of League clubs were present. Con left a cheque to entertain the

players whilst they were in Tasmania, a gesture received with great applause. A presentation was made to your Captain-Coach, Jack Dyer, for his grand work for the club in 1944. Jack, in response, thanked officials and the Training Staff for their co-operation with the players over the war years.

One of the best items in a successful year was the picnic to Emerald Sports Ground on a Sunday in mid-season, when it was felt that the players needed a let-up following seven strenuous games in a line. Cars were provided by supporters to transport the 35 who attended the pleasant country town. Catering was carried out by your Social Committee and a grand day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Star turn of the outing was an exhibition of high diving in the Emerald Lake by Bernie Waldron, Joe Hinson and Laurie Taylor for trophies provided by Harry Dyke and Ray Dunn. Although it was mid-winter all gave a fine display and finally divided the prizes in a triple dead-heat.

It was decided to try and provide entertainment for the children of the Committee, Players and Staff near Christmas, and the happy idea of a Christmas Tree was agreed upon. Ninety-two children attended with their mothers and friends on Saturday, December 16, and received a toy from Father Christmas (Percy Langdon), and his gang of merry-makers. Lollies, ice-cream, cakes, sandwiches, fruit, and popcorns all helped to make the day a success. Present at the function was Mrs. Percy Mitchell, wife of the popular Secretary of Fitzroy, and her children, and we were most pleased to have them with us. A special word of thanks is due here to your good friend, Arthur Hunt, who was responsible for securing the toys without which the day could not have been the unqualified success it was. The Christmas Tree was truly Australian, being a gum tree top provided by our good friend, Pat Casey, of the Richmond Council, and encased in a novel stand made by your President. It is our intention to continue this treat for the children each year, and we will surely profit by the experience gained and make next year's function an even better day than 1944.

On the same evening a Christmas social evening was held for the grown-ups and again a wonderful night was enjoyed. Opportunity was taken by your President to thank all connected with the club for their help during the previous season and to wish all the Compliments of the Season. There were 180 present, and every lady present received a gift from your Committee. This evening wound up a grand season on the field and off, and again guests were present from other clubs, who congratulated your officials for their social activities for those who keep your club functioning throughout the years. We express thanks to Mrs. Bob Healey and her lady workers who assisted Mr. Healey to make the various nights a success, and also to the members of the Social Committee who did so much to provide entertainment for co-workers for the club.

VISIT TO TASMANIA

Highlight of the 1944 season was the visit to Tasmania by a party of 46 Committee-men, Players, Staff and Visitors on the Monday following the Grand Final. Leaving on the Nairana that afternoon following light refreshments at the ground, a pleasant, if rough, voyage across the Strait was experienced, but as most footballers are bad sailors the majority of the party hit their bunks before 8 p.m. Arriving at Burnie at 5 a.m. on Tuesday, breakfast was enjoyed by all on the boat, and the train was then taken for Hobart.

Although this was a 9-hour journey in a slow train, the time was passed by community singing, cards, etc., and Hobart was reached at 4 p.m. where the party was met by your President and representatives of the Tasmanian Football League. Buses were ready to take the party to the four hotels where accommodation was provided.

Here it would be nice to mention a typically sporting action of Harry Dyke. One of the hardest workers at Richmond in a honorary capacity is your Assist. Property Steward, Pat O'Shannessy. Harry decided that he would forego his berth on the boat and train in favor of Pat, and paid his own expenses across by plane to enable Pat to have the trip with the club in his stead. Appreciation was expressed by all at this sporting gesture but most appreciative of all was the recipient, who was able to enjoy a holiday after a strenuous season.

Joint managers for the trip were Messrs. Harry Dyke and Maurie Fleming, and they received able assistance from Charlie Callander, and the managers appointed at three hotels in the late Jack Bond, Jack Titus and Frank O'Brien.

Due to restrictions on travel many of the usual beauty and tourist trips were missed, but members were taken to Mt. Wellington, where we were fortunate enough to still find snow, and a lively time was experienced by older members of the party dodging some of the younger players intent on smothering them in snow. Huonville was also visited, and the party taken in parlour coaches on the Channel trip, a very beautiful outing.

Many private parties, dances and picture shows were organised by our friends in Tasmania, whilst several junior clubs were visited and addressed by Senator Jim Sheehan, Messrs. Jack Dyer, Dick Harris, Frank O'Brien and your Secretary. A number of the players attended these gatherings and were publicly thanked by Mr. Baker, President of the Tasmanian Football League.

Visits were paid to the Cascade Brewery where an enjoyable afternoon was spent. Here a collection of £5 was taken up and forwarded to the Society for Crippled Children. The Electrolytic Zinc Works at Risdon was also visited, and guides provided to take the party in sections of eight to see the interesting processes in this great works. The new bridge was also keenly inspected and crossed many times by bus.

Mr. Harry Dyke and Mr. Clarrie Robertson were invited to draw the current Tattersall consultation—Mr. Dyke drawing first prize for a former resident of Victoria. Practically every member in the party witnessed this drawing and observed the scrupulous fairness of the draw with great interest, and some of the party were successful in drawing small prizes.

Mr. Bill Barwick, former Olympic mile runner, and now connected with commercial wireless interests arranged for Jack Dyer and your Secretary to speak to Tasmanian football fans over his station, whilst Jack also spoke the same evening over the National station and answered a number of interesting questions on our Australian game. The match between a Tasmanian team and the Tigers at North Hobart Oval the following day was also broadcast and Messrs. Ron Durham, Pat O'Shannessy and M. Fleming assisted the announcer with the commentary. The game was preceded by a curtain-raiser of a junior side from Hobart and the Launceston Technical School. Your club gave a trophy for the best player in this game selected by your Vice-President, Senator Jim Sheehan.

The game between Tasmania and the Tigers proved a fine exhibition of football. More than 4,000 spectators attended, and well

over £200 was taken at the gates for Patriotic Funds; your club donating its share to these deserving funds. Although the game was easily won by the Tigers, Tasmania showed that there are still many fine footballers in the Island State. Pleasing to members of our party was the form of Jack Titus, who kicked 16 goals, and co-operated splendidly with Jack Dyer and the other forwards. Best players in the game were Bert Edwards, Bernie Waldron, Bill Perkins, Max Oppy, Keith Cook, Ray Bower and Jack Titus.

Your club was warmly thanked by officials of the Tasmanian League, and through the Press, for playing the game as a premiership match and giving the large crowd a fine exhibition of football.

The party left Hobart by train at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 10, boarding the boat at Devenport at 5 p.m. that day and arriving home again at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesday after one of the most enjoyable trips in the annals of the club. Presentations were made to your joint managers (Messrs. Dyke and Fleming) from the members on the trip at a social evening and re-union in November at the club rooms.

Many warm friendships were made on the trip between players, Committee and visitors which will do much to add to the good feeling already existing at Richmond.

PATRIOTIC AND CHARITY REPORT

With the added work in 1944, the same effort was not concentrated in the appeals made in the previous season for various Patriotic and Charitable efforts, but these were not neglected and Red Cross Prisoners of War Appeal was advanced by the raising of another £1,486, making the grand total in the last three seasons to approximately £9,580.

Much credit must be given to your former Committeeman, Mr. Bob Turnbull, in this work. With Mrs. Turnbull and a few willing workers, Bob is busy each Friday and Saturday at the spinning wheel in Bridge Road, and the Saturday morning proceeds of approximately £780 were paid into our Fund in our endeavour to finally reach the sum of £10,000 for our deserving Prisoners of War.

The work in connection with the Prince Henry's Hospital Sportsmen's Ward is detailed elsewhere in this Report, and members will be surely gratified to learn that in less than seven years over £19,700 has been raised for this fine Hospital and in this many of your club officials play a prominent part working in an entirely honorary capacity.

A further £300 was invested in Commonwealth War Loans, lifting the total to the fine sum of £1,400 invested to help our country.

Once again your club, with the aid of the Richmond Cricket Club, combined with the Sporting Globe in the American Independence Day Celebration held at our ground. Over 40,000 attended and witnessed a splendid programme. Although it is forbidden by law to charge admission, collections were made at the turnstiles, programmes were disposed of, collections made around the ground, and a number of guests were entertained at afternoon tea by Mr. Dyke, and a collection made which realised nearly £150. Slightly less than £1,600 was raised for the Children's Hospital and our Prisoners of War Appeal on a 75-25 basis. Officials and workers from our club did the work of manning turnstiles, selling programmes, etc., and the main expenses were involved in printing, insurances, advertising, trophies, etc. Our appeal received £388/4/7. Our thanks to Mr. Percy Maybury, Secretary of the R.C.C., and his co-workers and also to Sir Keith Murdoch, President of the Combined Commit-

tee; Mr. Fred Laby, Editor of the Sporting Globe, and his grand body of workers who made the day such a great success.

The game set aside by the Victorian Football League to assist Patriotic Funds was that against Melbourne mid-way through the season at Richmond Ground. An appeal was made to the members of both clubs to forego the use of their membership tickets and pay at the gates to help funds. Mrs. Percy Maybury and a band of lady-workers collected from members of the Cricket Club, and raised a fine sum also to add to the gate receipts. Proof of the popularity of our club and ground was the fact that receipts were the highest for the games played that day and our share of £174/4/6 was paid into our Prisoners of War Fund.

Numerous other appeals were assisted during the season for other patriotic and charity objects, and we will continue to assist with these efforts whilst the need is there. It is our intention to assist the Limbless Soldiers' Appeal by organising a football match during 1945 at Richmond. Incidentally, Mr. Bill O'Brien and co-workers manned the gates at R.A.A.F. games played at Richmond on Sundays in 1944, and we participated to the extent of 50 per cent. of the nett gates, totalling £130/5/0, again paying the money to P.O.W. Funds. Mr Maybury again played a big part in this work. During the year, South Melbourne Club, through the energetic Tom Coles, organised a big day at St. Kilda with a game between former star players and a second game the Army versus South Melbourne. Officials of your club, and several players, assisted on this day, which raised a fine sum for South Melbourne Patriotic Funds.

Donations to the P.O.W. Appeal totalled £13/4/0 and we thank Messrs. Chris Dwyer, Ernie Taylor and Ernie King for their generosity to this worthy cause.

The final charity function for the year will be that on February 4 at the Richmond City Reserve when a challenge cricket match will be played between the Tigers and an eleven selected by Mr. Jack Kaiser. The proceeds will be divided between the Children's Hospital and the Prince Henry's Hospital Sportsmen's Ward Funds.

SECRETARY'S APPRECIATION

At the conclusion of another successful year of your club, may I express sincere appreciation to the members of your Committee, Players, Training Staff and that loyal body of supporters who are always ready to help the Tigers, for their co-operation with me in 1944. Without this help your club could not have attained the success it has won in the past years. We look forward to that same loyal support in 1945 and assure our members that the Tigers will still be a major force in the football world and public life of Victoria.

Without wishing to individualise among so many fine workers, I feel it is necessary to pay special tribute to the work of your President (Mr. Harry Dyke), Treasurer (Mr. Charlie Turner), your Captain-Coach (Jack Dyer), Chairman of Selectors (Hon. Pat Kennelly, M.L.C.) and Charlie Callander for their continued outstanding work for the club. It is possible that I have missed mentioning the work of some of our friends for the club in this Report. I ask those ladies and gentlemen to accept my sincere thanks for their interest in the Tigers.

Our dual objective for 1945—Another premiership, and 5,000 members for our club. Let us work together to attain both.

J. M. FLEMING,
Honorary Secretary.

RESULT OF MATCHES, 1944

Date	Richmond Versus	Result	Rich. Score G.	B.	Pts.	Oppon. Score G.	B.	Pts.
First Round—								
May 6	Melbourne	Won	19	18	132	14	8	92
„ 13	Nth. Melbourne	Won	18	11	119	15	9	99
„ 20	Essendon	Won	22	19	151	16	14	110
„ 27	Fitzroy	Won	14	13	97	7	9	51
June 3	Carlton	Lost	14	8	92	16	12	108
„ 10	Footscray	Draw	19	11	125	18	17	125
„ 17	Geelong	Won	25	23	173	9	2	56
„ 24	Sth. Melbourne	Won	17	10	112	11	11	77
July 1	St. Kilda	Won	11	18	84	7	11	53
„ 8	Hawthorn	Won	13	16	94	11	9	75
„ 15	Collingwood	Won	16	17	113	9	13	67
„ 22	Melbourne	Won	17	8	110	9	15	69
„ 29	Nth. Melbourne	Lost	14	2	86	11	21	87
Aug. 5	Essendon	Lost	11	17	83	12	15	87
„ 12	Fitzroy	Lost	7	14	56	16	10	106
„ 19	Carlton	Won	11	16	82	8	16	64
„ 26	Footscray	Won	9	15	69	5	14	44
Sept. 2	Collingwood	Won	15	18	108	10	8	68
Second Round—								
Sept. 16	Fitzroy	Lost	10	10	70	11	15	81
„ 23	Essendon	Won	16	12	108	12	15	87
„ 30	Fitzroy	Lost	7	9	51	9	12	66
			305	285	2115	236	256	1672

Summary: Matches played, 21—Won 14, Lost 6, Drawn 1.
Position on Premiership List: Runners-Up.

GOALKICKERS, SEASONS 1943 AND 1944

Harris, R.	63	63	Oppy, M.	3	4
Dyer, J	36	36	Scott, J.	10	2
Bawden, R.	11	26	Deagan, K.	—	2
Curran, K.	5	23	Cook, K.	—	1
Randall, B.	4	20	Jones, L.	—	1
Wilson, W.	—	20	Smeaton, G.	—	1
Taylor, L.	—	17	Titus, J.	23	—
Mooney, A.	—	13	Brannan, A.	17	—
Merrett, L.	4	13	Cahill, L.	4	—
Morris, W.	—	12	Kemp, A.	4	—
Cook, F.	—	10	Ablett, L.	3	—
Burge, F.	4	10	Doherty, N.	3	—
Broadstock, J.	7	8	Bourke, F.	2	—
Waldron, B.	4	8	Hunt, R.	2	—
Quinn, R.	19	6	Sullivan, J.	2	—
Edwards, B.	2	5	Howard, F.	1	—
Bower, R.	—	4	Symons, J.	1	-
			Totals	234	305

Dick Harris has kicked 548 goals in 11 seasons.
Jack Dyer has kicked 235 goals in 14 seasons.

LIST OF DONORS FOR SEASON 1944

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PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM

On behalf of the Committee I would like to express our gratitude to our Secretary, Maurie Fleming, who again gave wonderful service to our club and last season surpassed his previous efforts for Richmond.

His untiring work for the club and for our Patriotic and other Charitable appeals makes one wonder what time he has left for leisure. Richmond is fortunate in having Maurie with us, as we consider him the best Secretary in the League. My only regret is that he was not rewarded with our side winning the premiership.

I also wish to thank your Treasurer, Committeemen, Coach, Players and Training Staff of the club for their splendid co-operation during my term of President.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing my thanks to the Honorable P. J. Kennelly, M.L.C., for the wonderful work he has done for the club since becoming a Vice-President at Richmond. I sincerely hope that he gets his reward with a premiership in 1945.

I add my wish to that of our Secretary in striving for a goal of 5,000 members for the Tigers this season, and urge all our loyal supporters to induce their friends to become active members. Their co-operation will bring added honors to their club in the years ahead.

HARRY DYKE.

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCES

General Committee (19 Meetings held):— H. J. Dyke 19, J. M. Fleming 19, C. E. Turner 19, M. J. Bolger 18, R. H. Dunn 15, J. H. Jones 19, P. J. Kennelly 15, F. E. O'Brien 14, J. M. Sheehan 8, J. H. Bond (deceased 13/12/'44) 16, L. J. Goring 18, R. Healey 19, P. C. Langdon 19, W. A. Quinn 15, J. Titus 18, J. Joyce 19, L. Sinclair 13, W. Smith (proxy) 2, R. Bawden (from 9/5/'44) 10, J. Dyer (from 9/5/'44) 13, R. Harris (from 9/5/'44) 11.

Finance Committee (6 Meetings held):—F. E. O'Brien (Chair.) 6, M. J. Bolger 6, R. H. Dunn 6, H. J. Dyke 6, J. M. Fleming 6, C. E. Turner 6.

Selection Committee (26 Meetings held):—P. J. Kennelly (Chairman) 25, W. A. Quinn (off 20/6/'44) 11, H. J. Dyke (on 20/6/'44) 15, J. Titus 26, J. Dyer (captain) 26, R. Harris (vice-captain) 22.

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED BY RICHMOND SINCE JOINING THE V.F.L.

Against	Won	Lost	Tied	Played
Carlton	31	49	—	80
Collingwood	30	47	1	78
Essendon	38	31	1	70
Fitzroy	37	36	—	73
Footscray	26	7	1	34
Geelong	39	28	2	69
Hawthorn	30	5	—	35
Melbourne	40	24	1	65
North Melbourne	27	4	—	31
South Melbourne	34	33	1	68
St. Kilda	41	18	—	59
	373	282	7	662

FIVE, TEN, FIFTEEN-YEAR PLAYERS

Fifteen Years:

1923—H. James. 1924—V. Thorp (16 years). 1939—P. Bentley (16 years). 1940—J. Titus (18 years).

Ten Years:

1919—B. V. Herbert, P. Maybury, S. Reeves. 1921—C. H. Hall. 1923—F. V. Hughes. 1924—F. Harley. 1926—J. Smith, D. Don. 1934—A. Geddes, B. McCormack, T. O'Halloran. 1935—J. Titus. 1936—J. Murdoch. 1939—K. O'Neill, M. Bolger. 1940—J. Dyer, R. Martin. 1943—R. Harris, J. Symons.

Five Years:

1913—E. Ohlsen, W. Mahoney, R. Bowden, G. Gibson. 1914—F. McCashney, F. Love. 1916—D. J. Moffatt. 1918—A. J. Bettles, R. T. Hede. 1919—H. Allessio, L. Burke, A. Danks, E. Keggin, W. Thomas. 1920—G. Bayliss. 1921—M. Hislop, R. Weatherill. 1923—G. Weatherill. 1924—F. Huggard, J. Karthaus, N. McIntosh, D. Minogue, E. Taylor. 1925—M. Morris. 1926—D. Hayes. 1927—A. McIsaac, G. Rudolph. 1929—D. Lynch. 1930—R. Empey, D. Harris, H. Weidner, K. Millar. 1931—J. Baggott, C. Watson. 1932—W. Benton, B. Foster, S. Judkins. 1933—M. Hunter, M. Sheahan. 1934—E. Zschech. 1935—J. Dyer, R. Martin, G. and D. Strang. 1938—J. Symons, D. Guinane, R. Harris, R. Chergwin. 1939—G. Smeaton, J. Cotter. 1940—I. Hull, N. Dickson. 1941—J. Crane, M. O'Connell. 1942—B. Edwards, C. Priestley. 1943—L. Ablett, R. Bawden, J. Scott. 1944—I. Merrett, W. Perkins, B. Waldron.